

# TLM Trading

*'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.'*

Romans 12:2

## About TLM Trading

TLM Trading, the trading arm of The Leprosy Mission, is a mail order company selling a wide range of gifts, greeting cards and books primarily to the Christian community. They produce three main catalogues a year, Spring, Summer and Autumn-Winter, which stock a range of products, including 'Gifts for Life', gifts that are directly linked to TLM's projects around the world and include items such as medicine, school uniform, eye surgery and vocational training. These gifts start at just £10. TLM Trading's main aims are:

- To sell products made by leprosy-affected people, to help provide them with the social and economic status that allows a dignified life.
- To raise funds for The Leprosy Mission, especially through their 'Gifts for Life' range.
- To help raise awareness of The Leprosy Mission and its work.



**Above:** Handmade cards from India ready for the TLM Trading catalogue

## Prayer points

- Pray for the success of TLM Trading's Autumn/Winter 2012 catalogue which is mailed to their customers in early August. Give thanks for the thousands of loyal customers, trading partners and bookshops that buy from their catalogues.
- Pray for the strategic direction of the company under the leadership of Jo-Anne Thomson and the new initiatives being planned for future growth. Give thanks for the hugely successful 'Gifts for Life' range which directly benefits leprosy-affected people.
- Give thanks for the staff team, the former members of staff and the many volunteers who have helped to contribute to the company's achievements since its formation in 1995.
- Pray for all the leprosy rehabilitation groups who supply the beautiful handmade goods in the catalogue. Pray that TLM Trading can increase its orders from these groups in the months and years ahead.
- Pray for TLM Trading's Board of directors who meet four times a year to give guidance and ensure the aims and objectives of the company are met.
- Give thanks for the chairman of the Board, Stephen Hammersley, and his co-directors who ensure the company operates successfully and profitably. Gives thanks for David Selley, one of TLM Trading's founders, who is still active on the Board even in retirement.

## Senior staff

Jo-Anne Thomson – General Manager  
Phil Allum – Business Co-ordinator  
Liz Standbrook – Purchasing Manager  
Judith Merrell – Publishing Manager – Books and Audio  
Felicity Garratt – Product Marketing Manager  
Aaron Scott – Purchasing and Marketing Assistant

# Country Focus: Finland and Italy

*‘So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.’*  
Isaiah 41:10



## About TLM Finland

Support of TLM’s work started in Finland in 1968. The National Council was established in 1981, and the association’s registration with the State was completed in March 1982. TLM Finland raises prayer and financial support for TLM’s work around the world.

## About TLM Italy

Support of The Leprosy Mission’s work began in Italy in 1968. Over many years it has worked primarily with the protestant churches in Italy, raising awareness of leprosy and generating prayer and financial support for the Mission.



**Top:** Katrina Malcolm (left) Country Leader for TLM Italy and Klaus Leonhardt, TLM Denmark, at the 2011 International Assembly

### FACTFILE:

- In the far north of Finland, the sun does not set for around 10 weeks during summer

## Prayer points

### Finland

- Give thanks for 40 years of prayer, support and service. Thank God too for faithful supporters. Over the years TLM Finland has had several expatriates working with TLM overseas and most of the Board members are ex-field workers with personal experience of leprosy work.
- Ask for guidance for the Finnish Council as they plan for the future: they are looking for new ways to present the challenge of leprosy to the churches and the public in general. They are also searching for new Board members with a fresh vision.

### Italy

- Pray for Katrina Malcolm, the country leader for TLM Italy, as she builds relationships with churches and potential donors. Pray that she will see an encouraging response to her fundraising initiatives this year.
- Pray for strength and encouragement for Katrina Malcolm as she manages the bulk of TLM Italy’s work on her own.
- Pray for TLM Italy’s Board – that new and enthusiastic people will join them this year to strengthen support for TLM’s ministry.

## Key staff

### Finland

Ms Eeva-Liisa Moilanen – Chairperson  
Ms Ritva Pohhti – National Director

### Italy

Ms Katrina Malcolm – TLM Country Leader

# Research

*‘The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out,’*  
Proverbs 18:15



## How is TLM involved in research?

Research is vital for any organisation that is dealing with medical and public health issues. Medically we want to be at the forefront of finding solutions for the problems associated with the disease of leprosy; socially we want to help people affected by leprosy and understand the issues they face.

People are still developing leprosy, permanent nerve damage and disability. How can we prevent people from developing leprosy? Vaccine development. How can we identify patients early before they develop permanent nerve damage? Diagnostics development. How can we improve clinical care within general health systems? Survey patients. How can we reduce leprosy transmission? We must first better understand how leprosy is transmitted.



**Top and above:** Staff at the Mycobacterial Research Laboratory at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal

## Prayer points

- Pray for innovative ideas, strategic relationships, and the ability to communicate findings to field workers, patients and global decision makers.
- Pray for those responsible for recruiting new research staff, that they may have wisdom in the selection process. Pray for new scientists who join TLM, that they may honour Christ in all they do.
- Dr Deanna Hagge heads up the Mycobacterial Research Lab at Anandaban Hospital near Kathmandu in Nepal. Pray for Deanna as she seeks further research grants for new studies.
- Dr Sabuni, country leader for TLM DR Congo, is interested in finding ways to improve the quality of services provided to those affected by leprosy. Pray for success in gaining funds for a proposed study on improved management of leprosy cases.
- Dr Annamma John has recently joined the Research Resource Centre of TLM India. Pray that she will be able to fulfil this difficult role of co-ordinating research activities and encouraging others to persevere in their work.
- Prof Warwick Britton chairs TLM’s International Research Committee. Pray that this committee will be successful in co-ordinating and encouraging a learning attitude throughout the Mission.
- Much of the research done in TLM centres is carried out by busy medical staff who have a full workload of patient care. Pray for strength and patience as they seek the best for those affected by leprosy.

## Key research staff

Prof Warwick Britton – Chair of TLM’s International Research Committee  
Dr Paul Saunderson – Member of TLM Research Committee  
Dr Deanna Hagge – Head of the Mycobacterial Research Laboratory at Anandaban Hospital  
Dr Sundar Rao – Member of TLM Research Committee Head of Stanley Browne Laboratory in Delhi, to be appointed

## Country Focus: Nepal



### About TLM Nepal

The goal of TLM Nepal is to enable people affected by leprosy to reach a state of optimal physical, mental and social well-being in which they are able to identify and realise aspirations, satisfy needs and change or cope with their environment.

To achieve this we are:

- focusing on initiatives aimed at preventing disability.
- addressing environmental barriers (poverty, illiteracy, sanitation) where these impede the development of people and communities affected by leprosy.
- supporting basic research and training which is instrumental in communicating evidence-based information on leprosy nationally, regionally and internationally.

### Projects include:

Anandaban Hospital, CEDAR, Socio-economic Rehabilitation, Training Centre, Mycobacterial Research Laboratory

(For more information about TLM's work in Nepal, see page 57)

**Top:** Ghanash and his wife Sanumaiya received a low-cost house from TLM

**Below top:** Mr Jivel (third from left) received a low-cost house from TLM Nepal

### FACTFILE:

- More than 150,000 people in Nepal are disabled through leprosy
- 54% of Nepal's population lives on less than US\$1.25 per day

### Prayer points

- Pray that Anandaban Hospital staff will be successful in reaching leprosy-affected people in order to diagnose and help them.
- Pray for those leprosy-affected patients who are badly disabled. Pray that they may find appropriate sources of social and financial rehabilitation.
- Thank God for his guidance in establishing our satellite clinic programme in the Rautahat district in the Terai where leprosy is still endemic. Through these clinics people can access our facilities locally.
- Thank the Lord for the gradually changing attitudes towards leprosy in Nepal; in the past it was not seen as a medical problem. Pray that people's understanding of the disease will continue to grow.
- Pray for Mr Shovakhar Kandel, executive director of Leprosy Mission Nepal, for God's wisdom and guidance as he discharges his duties and for patience and endurance during negotiations with government departments.
- Anandaban Hospital can only be approached by a four km potholed road which makes travelling there difficult. Pray that those in authority will have the political will to remedy this situation.
- Many patients travel far from their homes in remote regions of Nepal to receive treatment at Anandaban Hospital. Pray for our counsellor, Mrs Ruth Pradhan, and the nursing staff who help the patients come to terms with the difficulties and challenges in their lives.

### Senior staff

Dr Hugh Cross – TLM Country Leader  
 Mr Shovakhar Kandel – Executive Director of Leprosy Mission Nepal  
 Dr Indra B Napit – Medical Director of Anandaban Hospital

## Country Focus: Spain and Portugal

*'Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.'*

1 Timothy 6:17



### About TLM Spain

TLM Spain has received support from around 500 donors during the last three years, and has had contact with almost 200 churches which have given donations to TLM. This year they are planning to sell 2,500 children's books about a young boy with leprosy to raise more funds. They are also planning to visit churches and schools to share the vision of TLM.

### About TLM Portugal

There has been a TLM support group in Portugal for 21 years. During this time, support has been received from churches and individuals interested in the work of The Leprosy Mission. TLM Portugal has also sought to raise up prayer support.

**Top:** A brochure in Spanish explaining the facts about leprosy

### FACTFILE:

- Spain is the second largest country in the European Union after France
- Portuguese is spoken by about 230 million people around the world and is the official language of nine countries

### Prayer points

- Pray that God will help members of TLM Spain to share the vision of the Mission. Pray that they will reach many churches and believers with the message that leprosy is still a problem and that many people need their help and prayers.
- Pray for wisdom for the new team in Spain. They are developing a website, planning to visit new churches and hoping to sell many copies of the children's book *Sama se Cura* (Sama is Cured).
- Pray for a new member of the team, Ms Inés Roca, who is working part-time for TLM Spain and helping with fundraising. Thank God for his faithfulness to TLM Spain.
- Portugal has been hit hard by the economic crises of recent years, and many churches are struggling to stay afloat. Fundraising in this climate has been particularly difficult for TLM Portugal. Pray that the financial situation will improve.
- Pray for Patricia Bento, the national director of TLM Portugal. Pray that God will inspire her with fresh vision for fundraising and for raising awareness of TLM's work among churches and individuals.

### Team

**Spain**  
 Mr Miguel Torralba – President  
 Mr José Manuel Carballo – Vice President  
 Ms Inés Roca – Executive Secretary

**Portugal**  
 Ms Patricia Bento – National Director